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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 11 and 12.

Please amend the claims to read as indicated herein.

1. (Currently amended) An immersion blender comprising:
an elongated body for containing a drive motor;
a first handle and a second handle operatively connected to said first handle,
~~wherein said first handle is ergonomically shaped, said second handle is formed from a shape of said body, and said first handle is operatively connected to said second handle;~~
a drive shaft operatively connected to said drive motor, wherein said body and said drive shaft extend along a first axis that is at least substantially perpendicular to a working surface of said blender; and
a tool operatively connected to said drive shaft,
wherein said first handle has a shape that accommodates a palm of a user's hand, said first handle has a portion elongated along a second axis that is oriented at least substantially parallel to said working surface, and said elongated portion is centered about said first axis, and
wherein said second handle is a portion of said elongated body and has a shape that accommodates said palm of said user's hand.
2. (Original) The immersion blender of claim 1, further comprising a third handle.
3. (Previously presented) The immersion blender of claim 2, wherein said first handle is elongated with a proximal end portion, a central portion and a distal end portion.
4. (Original) The immersion blender of claim 3, wherein said proximal end and said distal end enable an operator's hand to easily grasp or wrap thereabout.

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5. (Previously presented) The immersion blender of claim 4, wherein said central portion is connected to said second handle.

6. (Original) The immersion blender of claim 1, wherein said second handle can be handled by the operator to stabilize the immersion blender during operation.

7. (Previously presented) The immersion blender of claim 2, wherein said third handle is a knob.

8. (Currently amended) A hand held blender comprising:
an elongated body having a drive motor, said body having two or more handles,
wherein at least one of said two or more handles is formed from a shape of said body;
a drive shaft operatively connected to said drive motor, wherein said body and said drive shaft extend along a first axis; and
a tool operatively connected to said drive shaft,
wherein a first handle of said two or more handles is at least substantially oriented parallel to a working surface of the blender, and a second handle of said two or more handles is at least substantially oriented perpendicular to said working surface,
and
wherein said first handle has an elongated portion that is centered about said first axis.

9. (Original) The hand held blender of claim 8, wherein at least one of said two or more handles is a stabilizing handle disposed on a side of said body.

10. (Original) The hand held blender of claim 9, wherein said stabilizing handle is a knob.

11-12. (Canceled)

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13. (Currently amended) A blender comprising:
a body housing a drive motor;
a drive shaft operatively connected to said drive motor; and
a tool operatively connected to said drive shaft,
wherein said body has a first handle to facilitate pivoting the blender with respect to a working surface, a second handle to facilitate moving the blender laterally with respect to said working surface, and a third handle to facilitate stabilizing the blender during operative use,

wherein said first handle and said second handle have a shape that accommodates a palm of a user's hand, and

wherein said second handle is elongated about an axis, and said first handle has an elongated portion that is at least substantially perpendicular to said axis and is centered about said axis.

14. (Original) The blender of claim 13, wherein said first handle is elongated with a proximal end portion, a central portion and a distal end portion.

15. (Original) The blender of claim 14, wherein said proximal end and said distal end enable an operator's hand to easily grasp or wrap thereabout.

16. (Original) The blender of claim 15, wherein said central portion is connected to said second handle.

17. (Original) The blender of claim 13, wherein said third handle is on a side of said body.

18. (Original) The blender of claim 17, wherein said stabilizing handle is a knob.

19. (Original) The blender of claim 13, wherein said first handle is at least substantially horizontally oriented with respect to a working surface during operation of

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said blender.

20. (Original) The blender of claim 13, wherein said second handle is at least substantially vertically oriented with respect to a working surface during operation of said blender.